

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

It is proposed in the British colonies of South Africa to legalize marriage with a deceased wife's sister.

The sum of £51,000 for the support of religious services in the British army has been voted in Parliament.

Dean Stanhope has been installed Lord Rector of St. Andrews's University, Scotland, to which he was recently elected.

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The designs for the alteration of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, have been completed, and are to be exhibited. The English papers say that the sum of £40,000 is available for the proposed changes.

The United Evangelistic Committee of Glasgow, which has carried on the work begun by Moses Moody and Sankey in that city last year, intend to raise a fund of £8,000 for the election of a hall.

It is stated by the Vienna paper that the Cardinal priest, Santa Cruz, who became notorious some time ago account of his cruel warfare, has been serving the Pope and the Holy See, and states the relations of the State to the Church. It contains the following command:

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The Syrian Patriarch of Antioch is to leave England after a stay in that country of seven months.

He has written an address of thanks for the kind reception he has received, especially from the Queen and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

So far the vote of the Presbyteries of the

Presbyterian Church upon the overture for a limited term service of elders stands thus: 49 Presbyteries have

voted in favor of the change, 18 are against it, and the

vote of one Presbytery, that of Rock River, was tie.

The Central Nonconformist Committee has

issued a circular to the Liberal members of the House of

Commons. It requests their assistance in resisting the

new legislative organization of the Church of England

which the bills brought in this session for the increase of

the Episcopacy attempt.

The report that the secret administrator of

the Diocese of Peson had been arrested arose from the

fact that the Suffragan Bishop, Mar. Cybrowski, was

found concealing the holy oil on Thursday,

an office which belongs to the Archdiocese alone. Proceedings have been instituted against him.

The Rev. John Stoughton, D. D., the well-

known Congregational minister of London, has resigned his pastorate of Keasling Chapel upon the completion

of the thirty-third year of his ministry there. A farewell

meeting was announced to be held April 15, at which

leading clergymen of all denominations were to be present,

among whom were mentioned Dean Stanley, Dr.

Denslow, Dr. Donald Prazer, Dr. Angus, the Rev. J. G.

Rogers, and many others.

A religious conference, under the auspices of

Mr. and Mrs. Pearsall Smith, will be held at Brighton,

England, during the first part of June. It is expected

that about 5,000 persons will be present. The sum of

£2,000 is to be spent in defraying the expenses of English-speaking clergymen from the Continent. The services

for the promotion of Scriptural holiness, which Mr.

and Mrs. Smith are now holding in Germany, continue to meet with great success.

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A "Purity of Worship Defense Association"

has been formed in the First Presbyterian Church. The

object of the Association is to counteract the tendency

toward the introduction of instrumental music and the

singing of hymns other than those of the church.

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The Troy Conference of the Methodist Epis-

opal Church began its annual session at Glen's Falls,

April 21. Bishop Ames presided. The Conference in-

cludes six districts, five of which are in this State, the

sixth being in Vermont. An interesting discussion was

had on the question of providing Presiding Elders with

appointments for preaching. The bishop declined to

sancion the change, saying the General Conference had

always opposed it. A resolution was passed to reduce

the number of districts to four by consolidation.

The time proposed for the meeting of the confe-

rence is May 11. The societies of both the North

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the colored people, are invited to send delegates.

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The English Reformation Defense Committee

has presented a memorial to the Bishops in reference to the recent pastoral. After expressing their concurrence in what the Bishops had said, they call attention to the fact that the report of the "embittered controversy"

over rates and economies appeared to reflect upon those

who had taken part in the discussion, either to protest

against the legalization of the eastward position or to uphold it. Upon the latter party, they claim, the responsibility for the controversy should rest. They express the opinion that no declaration, however authoritative, can take from the eastward position, if it were sanctioned, its long-accepted and now reasserted doctrinal significance, and therefore beg the Bishops to consent to no changes. The memorial is signed for the committee by the Chairman, the Earl of Harrowby, and its Secretary.

The death is announced in East Africa of

the Rev. Charles New, a missionary of the United Metho-

dist Free Churches of England. He died at Mombasa Feb.

21, and was buried in the cemetery of the mission station at Ilala. Mr. New was a daring explorer. He was the first man known to have ascended Kilimanjaro. He returned

last year from England, where he had been for some time

in order to establish a mission at the foot of the mountain, and died while coming back from a journey to it. On reaching Zanzibar, on his late journey from Eng-

land to Kilimanjaro, Mr. New sent home the account of

the utter neglect of the treaty for the suppression of

slavery in that country, which attracted so much atten-

tion in England. He was a corresponding member of the

Geographical Society. His last letter, covering a part

of his exploration, was written by Dr. Livingstone.

Mr. New's brother, who was also a missionary, died in Sierra Leone twelve years ago.

At the late meeting of the Presbytery of

New York, which is the largest in the Northern Pres-

byterian Church, the following overture to the General

Assembly was adopted: "Believing that the cause and

kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in this land would be

greatly promoted by the establishment of friendly rela-

tions between the two General Assemblies which bear the

Presbyterian name, and Churches, North and South,

which they represent, and believing that the want of

success in securing this result on the part of the western

Committee which recently convened in the City of

Baltimore ought not to be regarded as conclusive of

efforts in this direction, since the differences between

the two parties was in reality not extreme or based upon

essential distinctions, this Presbytery would urge that

the Assembly concur to invite the General Assembly

to appoint a Committee, who shall be ready to meet any Com-

mittee of the Southern Assembly that may be appointed, or

by adopting such means promote of harmony as its

wisdom may dictate."

At the International Sunday-day 11, delegates

from countries where Union Sunday-school Asso-

cieties exist are expected to bring written creden-

tials from these Associations. Delegates from those States where such Associations do not exist can receive credentials from the following persons: For the Northwestern States and Territories, from E. Payson Porter, Chicago, Ill.; Central States, from the Rev. A. J. Baird, D. D., Nashville, Tenn.; Gulf States, from N. D. Cross, Selma, Ala.; South Atlantic States, from S. A. Nelson, Charleston, S. C.; Virginia, from J